

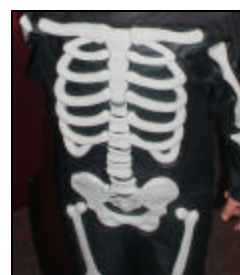
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At work or play, AMXS maintainers excel

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Silence is golden: What does Article 31 mean

Capt. Aaron Woodward
Area Defense Counsel

“You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law....” Most likely, anyone reading those words has heard them before, probably on “Cops” or in a movie. Unfortunately, some of you have (or will) hear them read to you in person by the Office of Special Investigations, security forces investigations, your commander/first sergeant or even your supervisor.

Civilian police officers read people a rights advisement like you hear on television due to the Supreme Court case of *Miranda v. Arizona*. In *Miranda*, the court dealt with Fifth Amendment issues of self-incrimination, and how police officers needed to advise suspects under certain circumstances. These “Miranda rights” have been recognized by civilian law enforcement since the mid-1960s. Members of the military, however, have had similar protections under Article 31 of the Uniform

Code of Military Justice, since 1950.

People, like those mentioned, are required to inform you of your rights if they suspect you have committed an offense and intend to ask you questions about it. Your rights are even broader than what is covered by Article 31, UCMJ, to include five areas:

- The offense you are suspected of
- The right to remain silent
- The fact that anything you say or write may be used against you;
- The right to speak with an attorney
- The right to military legal counsel free of charge

However, proceeding with an interview waives all of those rights until you choose to assert them.

You may wonder why you should remain silent. What harm is it to answer a few questions? But think about this. If you are pulled over for speeding, what is the first question the officer asks you? Typically, it is “Do you know how fast you were going?” Why does he ask that question? They

ask you because, if you answer it truthfully, you may have just confessed to the offense. The same goes with the questions investigators ask you. They are looking for admissions, no matter how small, that help prove the case. Also know that investigators are allowed to lie to you during their interviews. This tactic can be used to attempt to get you to answer their questions. I have had several cases where, had the military member exercised the right to remain silent, they may well have had a lesser form of punishment or avoided prosecution altogether.

Sometimes, it is in your interest to answer the questions. I would advise that you speak with an attorney before going down that road. If you speak with an attorney before answering any

questions or making statements, you can always go back later and answer questions or give a statement. On the other hand, if you answer questions and then go to speak with an attorney, you cannot take your answers back. The point is, you lose nothing by speaking to an attorney first; you could lose a lot by answering questions first.

If you are read your rights and want to assert them, just say “lawyer.” I encourage you not to make any statements (written or verbal) to anyone (even friends or family) until you have a chance to talk to a defense attorney. Call 747-3341 and speak with Tech. Sgt. Michael Brazil or me, to set up an appointment to discuss your options. It could be the most important call you ever make.

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Consecutive DWI-free days

Goal is zero DWIs.



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Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing
commander



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Cover: The airmen of the 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron provide maintenance and support services for all of the wing's 51 KC-135R/T aircraft. They are responsible for aircraft generation, launches and recovery actions of the aircraft during peacetime, contingency and Single Integrated Operational Plan tasks. See Pages 10, 11 for more.

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Leaders unveil new utility uniform colors, pattern

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Responding to Airmen's feedback, Air Force leaders unveiled an alternative utility uniform color scheme and pattern Nov. 2 as part of the ongoing wear-test that was announced in August 2003.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray are now wearing the latest test version of the utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The most striking change in this version is the switch from a deep blue, gray and green color scheme to a more subdued mix of tan, blue and two shades of green. And the tiger-stripe pattern is now pixilated.

This test version includes design changes incorporated in September based on feedback from Airmen.

More than 700 people at 32 installations are wear-testing the first test uniform. These Airmen participated in scientific surveys and focus groups. Their feedback was instrumental in making these most recent adjustments. The original plan called for only 300 testers, but uniform board officials decided to increase the number of testers to get more exposure and collect more test data. A select group will test the newest version.

Data showed that a service-unique appearance was very important to Airmen.

"Ninety-one percent of the Airmen responded in favor of a distinctive Air Force utility uniform," Chief

Murray said. "Airmen take great pride in serving in America's Air Force. Having a distinct uniform that presents a professional appearance to the public and our sister services, when we are at home station or deployed, is important"

A unique Air Force-designed uniform has another big advantage.

"Our new utility uniform incorporates a unique fit tailored for men and women, and a variety of realistic sizes beyond just small, medium and large," the chief said. "More than 20 percent of our Airmen are women, and we continually received feedback on how the male uniforms they currently wear do not fit well. Fit and comfort are important for all Airmen to project a professional military image."

Officials said they are reaping additional benefits of this particular uniform wear-test process.

Air Force Clothing Office officials took detailed measurements of as many body types as possible and recorded them into a database for future uniform design studies. Since the last such measurement in the 1960s, officials discovered that the average Airmen now has a more athletic build.

Not only are Airmen more fit to fight; they are deployed more often and for longer periods than ever before. There is no time to fuss over finicky uniforms, officials said.

"The wash and wear uniform will be easier and cheaper to maintain," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, uniform board superintendent. "The permanent-press treatment eliminates the need for iron-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

The Air Force utility uniform's revised colors include tan, blue and two shades of green in a pixilated tiger-stripe pattern. Air Force leaders are wearing the updated utility uniform during visits to Airmen serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

ing, and home washing can save an Airman from \$180 to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year."

Sergeant Dean oversees the wear test and leads the uniform board's campaign to display the uniform as much as possible in a variety of locations.

In January 2005, the uniform board will standardize the pattern, material and specifications and deliver the results to the Defense Logistics Agency for production. Normal production to delivery time can take 18 to 24 months.

Warriors help shape future of Airlift/Tanker Association

Compiled from HQ AMC/PA and staff reports

A delegation of more than 60 Warriors of the North helped “plant the seeds” for the future of military air mobility at the Airlift/Tanker Association Convention in Dallas Oct. 28 - 31, said Lt. Col. Bruce Hendrickson, who led the wing’s delegation.

The annual event brought together more than 3,700 Airmen, retirees and contractor representatives for discussions on topics such as aircraft modernization, operations tempo and the Global War on Terror.

In addition, Grand Forks Air Force Base received special recognition when Capt. Jeffery D. Johns, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Viking Flight commander, was selected for the association’s Young Leadership Award. Capt. Johns was one of only 12 Air

Force members to win the award.

According to Colonel Hendrickson, the greatest benefit of the convention came from bringing together a diverse collection of viewpoints and expertise to discuss the future of the air mobility mission.

“It gave an opportunity to network and broaden our way of thinking,” he said. “We talked quite a bit about how the role of the KC-135 will continue to expand and about the new missions we could expect to take on.”

Colonel Hendrickson dismissed the idea that forums like ATA only hold relevance for a small segment of the Air Force, arguing that the sharing of ideas often bears fruits with the development of new technologies and new ideas that impact the entire service.

“This is not just a flight-suit wearing aviator organization. Security forces, services, maintainers all come

together to look beyond our traditional ways of thinking. We can’t look at the world through a soda straw – we need to open up our focus to the possibilities of the future.”

The importance of those possibilities, especially in fighting the Global War on Terror, were echoed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper during the convention’s final keynote address.

“The stakes have never been higher,” the general said, “and it didn’t start with 9-11. If you look around the world ... the traditional business hasn’t gone away.”

In closing, the general said Airmen should be proud of their service and the job they do everyday.

“When you look in the mirror, be proud of what you see,” he said. “You’re wearing the uniform of your nation. Nothing you are doing can be more important to you, your family or the nation than what you’re doing today.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

At the 319th Medical Group clinic Oct. 29, a base child dressed as a skeleton prepares for trick or treating at the clinic.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

A child paints a pumpkin during Harvest Festival activities Sunday at Eielson Elementary School.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James P. Croxon

Senior Airman Cherie Hand, 319th MDG, hands out maps of the trick or treating routes in the clinic.



No bones about it... Halloween is fun

The Halloween carnival at Liberty Square, Oct. 29 and Saturday offered games, food and prizes for the whole family.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

News Briefs

Officers selected for AMC Phoenix Horizon program

Three captains here were selected in October for the Air Mobility Command's Phoenix Horizon programs.

Capt. Jeffery D. Johns, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Viking flight commander, and Capt. Charles D. Cooley, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, will leave in June for the two-year Phoenix HAWK program. They will spend one year in the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. learning global air mobility operations and one year on the Air Mobility Command staff learning effective staff skills.

As part of the Phoenix REACH program Capt. Robert E. Evert will cross train onto the C-5 galaxy. The program allows him to retrain without a break in flying. He will leave for Travis Air Force Base, Calif. in March.

An article on the selectees and the programs will appear in next week's Leader.

Public notice

The base has proposed construction of a tent training area.

An environmental assessment has been conducted and a finding of no significant impact has been determined for this action.

Anyone who would like to view the support documents to this action should contact the public affairs office by Nov. 12, at 747-5017.

Free Microsoft programs and hardware

Air Force Headquarters has signed an agreement with Microsoft for Air Force-wide licensing of desktops and server products.

The agreement, which replaces 43 contracts with Microsoft, allows Air Mobility Command personnel to obtain Microsoft products for personal use through two programs.

The home use program allows select military, civil service personnel, and contractors on the AMC-2K domain to obtain a licensed copy of Microsoft Office for home use. Participants of the program need a .mil email address to take advantage of the program.

The employee purchase plan gives employees discounts off retail pricing on

Microsoft's most popular productivity and consumer products including hardware, software and games.

For details and program codes contact your work group manager.

Applicants sought for IA scholarship program

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force is offering qualified officers the opportunity to participate in the Information Assurance Scholarship Program, established to increase the number of qualified people entering the information assurance career field.

A board will convene Dec. 10 at the Air Force Personnel Center here to select officers for attendance at the Information Resources Management College, Navy Post Graduate School, or Air Force Institute of Technology.

The Defense Department program covers temporary duty cost, tuition, fees and books and varies in length from 18 to 24 months, depending on selected school.

The program provides students with the National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Instruction 4011 certification.

Information on eligibility requirements, submitting applications and participating schools can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/nii/iasp/>.

All applications must arrive at AFPC no later than Nov. 19. Applicants should send completed applications to : HQ AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C Street West, Ste 32, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4734.

LRS makes final round for Daedalian award

The Grand Forks Air Force Base Logistics Readiness Squadron is one of three Air Mobility Command finalists for the Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Daedalian Logistics Readiness Effectiveness Award. It was first awarded in 1962 and is presented annually to the Air Force LRS unit with the best supply effectiveness record in support of mission aircraft and/or weapons.

The evaluation team arrives Monday and evaluates the squadron on Tuesday for the title of "Best Logistics Readiness Squadron in Air Mobility Command." Other AMC finalists are Charleston Air Force Base, SC., and Dover AFB Del.

News Briefs

Base to test new giant voice system

Base contractors will conduct tests on the newly installed giant voice system Tuesday and Wednesday. The test will consist of both sirens and voice announcements.

Crime Watch:

Crime Watch is a weekly summary of security forces activities on Grand Forks Air Force Base. To provide information about these events, call security forces control at 747-5351 or security forces investigations at 747-5378.

Minor Vehicle Accident - Security forces responded to a minor vehicle accident between two privately owned motor vehicles. Appropriate insurance and personal information was exchanged at the accident scene.

Civil Arrest of a Military Member - An active duty military member was arrested by local police for driving on a suspended license and not having insurance.

Disobeying a Lawful Order and Failure to Control a Visitor - Two active-duty military members were apprehended by security forces for disobeying lawful orders given by a security forces member. Both individuals also failed to control signed-in visitors on the installation.

Domestic Assault - Security forces responded to a telephone call about a domestic disturbance in base housing, where they determined a military member had been assaulted by a dependent. The Grand Forks police department was contacted, responded and took control of the situation.

Civil Arrest of a Military Member - An active-duty military member was arrested by local police for driving under the influence of alcohol. The individual is being held until a court date can be scheduled.

Theft of Private Property - Security forces were dispatched to a report of theft of private property. The victim stated the property was left unsecured in the back of a vehicle.

Verbal Altercation - Security forces were dispatched to a verbal altercation in base housing. The Grand Forks County sheriff's office responded and issued a verbal warning.

Suspicious Briefcase - An unidentified briefcase was found unattended at pass and identification. Security forces responded and initiated an immediate 500-foot cordon.

A Security forces K-9 unit responded and determined the briefcase to be safe. The briefcase contained a laptop computer and business papers. The owner was contacted and took control of the briefcase.

Theft of Private Property - Security forces control center received a telephone call from a housing resident about stolen private property. Security forces patrols were dispatched and the case was referred to security forces investigations section.

Suspected Illegal Entry - Security forces control center received a telephone call from a base housing resident stating they heard someone trying to gain access to their garage. Patrols responded and conducted a sweep of the surrounding area with no results.

Trespassing - Security forces main gate guard observed two teens attempting to climb the installation perimeter fence. Security forces patrols immediately responded and detained both teens. The Grand Forks County Sheriff's office responded and took control of the incident.

Security Forces Tip of the Week – Vehicle operators should maintain proper control of their vehicle and drive in a careful and prudent manner, with regard for traffic, road surface, width of the roadway and other existing conditions.

Operation of a vehicle is reckless when it exhibits a culpable disregard of foreseeable consequences to others from the act or omission involved.

Traffic citations issued for careless or reckless driving will be accompanied with a 30-day suspension of on-base driving privileges.

Guidelines for determining recklessness can be found in Article 111 of the Manual for Courts-Martial.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. Sunflower Chapel.

Weekday Mass: Usually held 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Sunflower Chapel

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment by calling 747-5673.

Catholic Scripture Study: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sunflower Chapel basement.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Adult Education, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Sacramental Programs: Classes start at 11 a.m. Sunday at Twining Elementary School.

For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: noon Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.



Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Swain's home. For details call 747-4359.

Women's Bible Study: 7 p.m., Monday, Prairie Rose conference room.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: Starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center.

Protestant Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, in Eielson Elementary School.

JEWISH:

Call B'nai Israel Synagogue at 775-5124.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, ORTHODOX, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Generating high-quality maintainers on, off-duty

By **Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke**
Public affairs

A staggering 25 percent of the base enlisted populace are a part of the 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

In a squadron comprised predominantly of senior airmen and below training is important and taken very seriously.

It has to be, said Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Vital, AMXS first sergeant, without the AMXS none of the wing's KC-135 would get off the ground.

Maintenance troops straight out of technical training do not immediately start putting their skills and knowledge to work. Instead they are required to go through an intense training program, which is divided into two phases.

Phase one focuses on learning the basics of the

jet, like powering up the jet and marshaling the jet. In those classes, all maintainers learn together, from crew chiefs to jet engine specialist.

Phase two goes directly into job-specific training and specialties are grouped together.

"Phase two had a lot of hands-on training," said Airman 1st Class C. J. Miller, a guidance and control specialist. "Thanks to it, I was pretty comfortable with the job when I got out of training."

Despite the opportunities afforded by formal training, sometimes the best learning is on the job.

Airman Megan Vanheuklom, a crew chief, had a short break between phases and found herself out on the flightline practicing the basics.

"We started working on the fundamentals, like wing walking and marshaling," said Airman Vanheuklom.

"The more you can get qualified, the better," she said.

"Once out of training maintainers aren't completely free to work on the jets by themselves," said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Pasamante. "They still must be checked off on the myriad of tasks that belong to each specialty."

The enormity of these maintainers' jobs does at times sneak up on them.

"It was scary the first time I did a job by myself," said Airman Miller. "It was like game time, practice was over and it was finally for real," he said.

However, training never really ends in AMXS.

"At any given time, over 70 percent of the 580 assigned are in some form of training," said Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Vital, AMXS first sergeant.

"The training can be anything from professional military development, to upgrade training, learning new weapons systems and or modifications on the



Photos by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

Airman 1st Class C.J. Miller, guidance and control specialist, checks the auto pilot controls on a KC-135 here.



(Left to right) Airmen 1st class Jared Wharton and Joshua Arredondo and Airman Vanheuklom, all crew chiefs relax and watch television in the day room of Barnes Hall after work. Barnes Hall has more than 130 residents which is twice as many as other dorms here.

KC-135," he said.

"We aren't expected to know everything, but we are expected to learn as fast as we can," said Airman Vanheuklom

"It gets easier over time," said Airman Miller. "I still get a little nervous when working on rush jobs or doing a new procedure, but if I ever have a question someone is always there to point me in the right direction."

On the flightline, helping each other and doing the job safely is one of the squadron's fundamentals.

"Safety is drilled into us a lot," said Airman Vanheuklom. "We try to take every measure to avoid hurting ourselves or others."

Many of the Airmen working in AMXS don't typically think about the underlying responsibility that rests on their shoulders every day they go out to fix one of the jets.

"The magnitude of my job doesn't even hit me until I talk to someone who doesn't do it," Airman Miller said. "They seem amazed that I work on the aircraft, and that one wrong move could result in the loss of life or large amounts of money lost due to damage."

"We don't dwell on that aspect," added Airman Vanheuklom. "We strive to do our best at everything so that factor never comes up."

AMXS averages about 25 percent of the squadron deployed at all times. In fact, AMXS led Air Mobility Command with the most deployed AMXS units' all over AMC in fiscal year 2004.

"Typically, the young Airmen are doing two to three 60-day rotations a year, and have been for the past three years," said Maj. Craig Gaddis, 319th AMXS commander.

Maintaining the aircraft can be a stressful job said Airman Miller. However, Airmen, with the help of squadron leadership have found ways to offset that stress.

Off-duty activities

"AMXS encourages its airmen to continue excelling off the flightline as well as on," said Sergeant Vital.

Barnes Hall, AMXS' dorm, boasts three day rooms, six laundry rooms and nearly 130 dorm occupants.

"I'm very comfortable in my dorm," said Airman Vanheuklom. "It's nice to just come to the dorm and relax with my friends."



Airman Megan Vanheuklom, crew chief, inventories her tools before taking them out on the flightline. All tools must be accounted for before turning them in. One tool left in the wrong place could result in the loss of life or the loss of money due to aircraft damage.

Although Airman Vanheuklom likes to relax, she like many in her squadron, also enjoy participating in intramural sports.

In fact, members of the AMXS recently beat the 319th Security Forces Squadron in intramural flag-football for the championship.

Sports and fitness go a long way and to promoting esprit de corps, said Sergeant Vital.

"We just have to do it on a larger scale," he said. While doing a squadron formation run, AMXS had to take two blocks to complete a turn.

AMXS excels in intramural sports and is also encouraged and supported in furthering their education.

"When I wanted to take classes my supervisor didn't have any objections to me attending," Airmen Miller said. "He made sure I was progressing in my upgrade training and that I was on the right track job wise and then gave me the permission," he said.

"We push these young maintainers everyday to meet their training requirements, along with keeping up with the high operations tempo and executing the everyday mission even if that means standing on the flightline in -50 degree weather to get an aircraft launched," said Sergeant Vital, and they are still able to go out and excel in their off-duty time."

I commend them."

Getting the job done

Maintainers at work and play



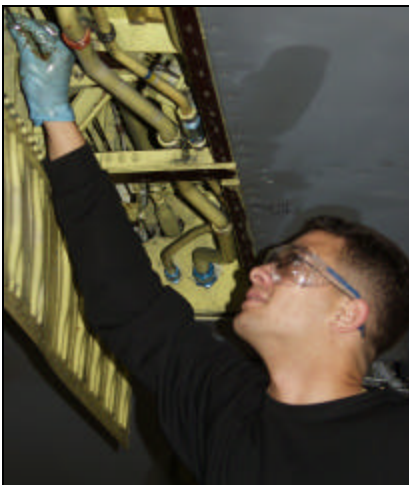
Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Chicosky, checks a line on a deicer pump. Sergeant Chicosky was a distinguished graduate at the Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell, Air Force Base, Ala.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke

Airman 1st Class Matthew Sons, a communication and navigational specialist and Sarah Saulsbury help paint the walls of the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center Saturday.

Senior Airman Javier Ramos, crew chief, puts oil on some lines on the wing of a KC-135.



Community

Holiday season is just around the corner

The holiday season is nearly upon us and numerous events across the state provide opportunities to find unique gifts or enjoy special celebrations. The following are just a few events in November:

Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcases

Grand Forks (Saturday and Sunday); Minot (Nov. 13-14); Fargo (Nov. 20-21); Bismarck (Dec. 4-5)

Four shows throughout the state feature products made in North Dakota. Unique holiday gift ideas are available from more than 100 companies. Items include clothing, accessories, food, condiments, jewelry, recordings and decorative items.

Show locations are at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks; the State Fair Center in Minot; the Civic Center in Fargo; and the Civic Center in Bismarck. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details call 701-328-2231 or go online at www.agdepartment.com/Programs/HolidayShowcase.htm.

Festival of Wreaths

Fargo, Nov. 19-21

The Ramada Plaza Suites' Crystal Ballroom is filled with unique decorated trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and more. Shoppers will find hundreds of holiday gifts and decorations for sale in the holiday gift shop and may also bid on

silent auction items. Sunday afternoon features the talents of area musicians and performing groups. For details call 701-234-6190; or go online at www.festival-ofwreaths.meritcare.com.

Holiday Craft Shows

Various Locations and Dates

Grand Forks: The Alerus Center will host the Fall Craft Show on Nov. 13-14, an event that features a wide variety of gift items. For details call 701-746-1212.

Jamestown: The Christmas Craft Show is set for Nov. 28 in the Jamestown Civic Center. More than 130 booths will feature a variety of Christmas crafts and ideas. For details call 701-252-8088; or go online at www.jamestownnd.com.

Parade of lights

Various locations and dates

A number of towns across the state will kick off the holiday season with a parade of lights. There are plenty across the state from which to choose and they're scattered from all four corners. Here's just a sampling:

Fargo: The Holiday Lights Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 23 in downtown Fargo. The lighting of the Tree of Hope and fireworks follows the conclusion of the parade in the US Bank Plaza. For details call 701-241-1570; or online at www.fmdowntown.com.

Bismarck: The Lights on Broadway Parade begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 23 in downtown Bismarck. Many of the parade entries are parked in Sertoma Park after the parade for the Sertoma

Club's Light Up Sertoma event. For details call 701-223-1958; or online at www.DowntownBismarck.com.

Grafton: The Spirit of the Season kicks off on Nov. 27 with the lighting at Leistikow Park. There are numerous events scheduled through the holiday season. For details call 701-352-0781.

Plan to get out and experience these events and activities. It's an opportunity to have an adventure without venturing far from home. Go to www.ndtourism.com or call 800-435-5663 or 701-328-2525 for more details on other events throughout the state.

3rd Annual Forx Film Fest

GRAND FORKS, ND — On Nov. 12 and 13 the Empire Arts Center will hold its 3rd annual Forx Film Fest. The weekend-long event will feature a wide variety of films with an emphasis on student work.

There will be three film sessions

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

The Forgotten (PG-13)

Telly Paretta (Julianne Moore) is undergoing therapy to deal with the loss of her young son. When her therapist claims that Paretta actually never had a son and that she's unconsciously fabricated all her memories, Paretta is aghast; when she meets another patient (Dominic West) with the same situation, however, she begins an investigation, trying to uncover the truth.

Tickets: \$1.75 children, \$3.50 adults.
For details call 747-3021/6123.

beginning Friday evening at 7 p.m., Saturday morning at 1 p.m., and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Sessions will last four hours and includes question and answer time with the filmmakers.

Also, a free panel discussion on film-making in the Midwest will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.

This year's film fest applicants include returning filmmakers Christopher P. Jacobs, Eric Thompson, and Terence Brown II, and a large number of student filmmakers from Minnesota State University at Moorhead and the University of North Dakota. This is your chance to meet local students and experience their hits.

The Forx Film Fest is an opportunity to experience a variety of different films in a recently-renovated historical theater. Tickets are available \$10 at the door per session or \$25 for a weekend pass. For details call 746-5500.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Resident Evil; Apocalypse (R)

Alice (Milla Jovovich) escapes from the Raccoon City Medical Facility in order to find a way to defeat the T-virus. At the same time, she scours the streets of the ruined city looking for survivors. Jill is one of those survivors, but she has zombies and a creature named Nemesis to deal with.

Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

First Daughter (PG)

Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

Ladder 49 (PG-13)

Community

Today

TURKEY BONANZA

The Dakota Bowling Center is offering a bingo program through the end of November.

In the first part of the two-part program, bingo card winners of \$10 and over will be entered into random drawing for five turkeys. The second part is held during "open bowling." For every "turkey" bowled (three strikes together) the bowler will receive three free bingo cards instantly. For details call the Dakota Bowling Center at 747-3050.

Saturday

SINGLES POOL TOURNAMENT

There will be a singles pool tournament Saturday at the youth center for ages 9 to 12 at 5 p.m., ages 13 to 18 at 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 for non-members, free for members. Sign up at the youth center.

Sunday

SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Northern Lights Club Sunday brunch is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$11.25 for adults, \$7.25 for children 5 to 12, children four and under eat free.

Monday

EIELSON TURKEY BINGO

The Eielson Elementary School parent-

teacher organization holds its annual Turkey Bingo event at 5 p.m. Monday in the Eielson cafeteria. Bingo cards at the event cost is \$1, and a dinner of hot dogs, chips and milk or lemonade is \$2 per person. For details call Eielson at 787-5000.

OFFICERS SPOUSES CLUB

The Officers Spouses Club is meeting for an afternoon of shopping and dining in Crookston, Minn. Monday. The meeting location is at the bowling center parking lot at 11 a.m. Return is around 3 p.m. For details call Kathi Hunnewell at 594-3429.

Tuesday

PRE-TEEN MINI LOCK-IN

A pre-teen "mini lock-in" will be held on Nov. 13 for ages 6 to 12 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the youth center. Dinner and snacks are provided. There will be tournaments, games, movies, music and more. Sign up at the youth center by Tuesday. There must be 15 reservations to hold the lock-in. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Wednesday

WINNIPEG SHOPPING TRIP

Outdoor recreation will be holding a Winnipeg shopping trip Friday. Transportation is provided, it departs at 8 a.m. and returns the same evening. Cost is \$17.50 per person. The deadline to

sign up is Wednesday at outdoor recreation. For details contact outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

Friday

CLOSURES

The youth center, school age program and Liberty Square will be closed for Veterans Day Friday.

Upcoming

TURKEY TAKE-AWAY

The Northern Light Club is offering to make Thanksgiving dinner for \$40.95. These hot dinners can be picked up on Thanksgiving Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The dinner includes a 12-pound turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin or apple pie. Orders and payment must be received by Nov. 22.

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK AND PARENTS DAY OUT

"Give Parents a Break" provides eligible parents a few hours break from the stress of parenting. The next date is Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once referred, it is the parent's responsibility to make reservations. The deadline is the Tuesday prior.

In order to take advantage of the program, families must be referred to the child development center by one of the following base officials:

■ Squadron commander/first sergeant

■ Chaplain

■ Doctor or medical professional

■ Family advocacy personnel

■ Family support center personnel

■ Child development center personnel.

"Parents Day Out" is the second Saturday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the child development center. The program follows the same guidelines as Give Parents a Break. Reservations must be made by the Tuesday prior to the Saturday care. For details call Monica or Cindy at 747-3042.

FOOD DONATIONS

The Landing Strip Mall Community Center is taking donations of non-perishable food items through Nov. 15 during regular operating hours.

The donated items will be given to base personnel in need, and to the local homeless shelter.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Torch & TEEN-Supreme club members will be making and serving a spaghetti dinner on Nov. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.

Cost is \$3 per plate and is open to everyone. Proceeds from the event will benefit Torch and TEEN-Supreme activities.

THRIFT SHOP CLOSED

The thrift shop is closed due to relocation. It reopens Friday in Building 207, on Holzapple Street. For details call 747-3136, after Monday.

Sixth Veterans Day race highlights area activities

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

The sixth annual Veterans Day 8-kilo-meter race in Grand Forks takes place Thursday with the start and finish at Lincoln Drive Park.

"The time and date shouldn't be too hard to remember," said Dr. Earl Beal, race director and base Family Support Center director. "It is set to commemorate the signing of the armistice which ended World War I. Therefore, the race will begin on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month."

The Offutt Brass, a quintet from the Air Force Heartland of America Band, will provide music during the event. The group plays classical, jazz and standard brass quintet music.

"We're very excited to have them here for this unique Veterans Day service," Doctor Beal said.

Because of the significance of the day, local veterans from the Grand Forks Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1874 and a special detail will conduct a brief memorial Veteran's Day service just prior to the race, Doctor Beal said.

To start the event, the honorary race director will be an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran – former Army Sgt. Brandon Erickson of Bismarck. Sergeant Erickson is a University of North Dakota student whose Army National Guard unit, 957th Engineering Company of Bismarck, was activated for OIF. Sergeant Erickson was injured in Iraq in 2003 and earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Runners compete in a past Veteran's Day race at Lincoln Drive Park in Grand Forks.

The 8-K event is a cross country-style race along the Grand Forks Greenway, Doctor Beal said. The run goes for nearly five miles and begins and end at the park's clubhouse (just off Belmont Road between 24th and 13th Streets in Grand Forks).

All finishers will receive a medal and a trophy will be presented to the top male and female finisher. The entry fee is \$10 before Thursday and \$12 on the day of the race. Race applications can be picked up at the FSC, base fitness center, health and wellness center, or any unit on base, Doctor Beal said.

"Take this opportunity to recognize our veterans by participating in this unique event," Dr. Beal said.

For details about the race, call the Grand Forks Park District at 746-2750 or Doctor Beal at 747-3242.



Courtesy photo

The Air Force brass quintet, Offutt Brass, will perform their wide array of music styles during the Veteran's Day Race. The ensemble is from the Heartland of America Band at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Base hoopsters defeat G-Town

Compiled from staff reports

The Grand Forks Air Force Base men's varsity basketball team, the Warriors, slipped by Grand Forks' G-Town 99-92 Oct. 16 in their first home game of the regular season.

"It was a three-point shootout," said Warriors Coach Dalton "D.J." Lemelle.

G-Town hit 16 of them from outside, besting the 12 punched in by the Warriors. Three-point specialist Ossie Oden scored six of the 12 Warrior three-point buckets.

The game opened up with Oden connecting on his team's first 13 points.

"Oden was in a zone," Coach Lemelle said.

However, two quick fouls cooled Oden off and he was benched. The Warriors eventually grabbed a 54-43 halftime lead.

The first eight minutes of the second half saw the Warriors' press

defense push the lead to 18.

However, three-point shooting by Robert Gallegos helped G-Town take the lead with four minutes remaining.

"We hit a cold spell," said assistant coach Margie Wireman. "Nothing was falling and they just didn't miss a basket on the other end."

The Warriors did manage to regroup as guard Matt Wireman scored 10 of his game-high 30 points and guard George Fowlkes went four-for-four from the charity stripe to bring the Warriors back and seal the deal.

Oden ended with a career-high 24 points.

Coach Wireman said the 48 points given up in three-pointers is a weakness the team needs to work on.

"In this game we were fortunate," Coach Wireman said. "The team understands that we must protect the perimeter much better than what we did."

Practice safety during state's deer season

Courtesy 319th Air Refueling Wing safety office

The North Dakota Deer gun season opens on at noon today and ends Nov. 21.

Thousands of hunters will be making the trek in search of a trophy or to fill up the deep freezer with venison. With so many rifles, shotguns, and handguns out there and some hunters afflicted with the dreaded "buck fever," the need to be extremely careful and safe is never more important.

1. Get there safely with firearms. It is illegal to carry a firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a cartridge in the chamber. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring

the revolver to be completely unloaded. It is also illegal to shoot with a bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.

2. Be seen. North Dakota requires that while the regular deer gun season is open, all big-game hunters, including bow hunters, wear orange clothing.

Legal orange clothing is a head covering and outer garment above the waistline of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling at least 400 square inches.

3. Make the shot. Some basic rules of firearm safety apply. The same rules as at combat arms training apply in the great outdoors too.

Never point the firearm at an object that

you aren't going to shoot and positively identify your target before shooting. Know what is beyond your target incase you miss or the bullet passes through the target.

4. Establish a "firing zone." When hunting with others, determine ahead of time the area which each hunter will track and fire should game appear. Other hunters must not encroach on the zone of another hunter.

5. Store firearms safely and correctly. Base residents may store their firearms at the 319th Security Forces Squadron armory. Dormitory residents must store firearms at the armory or at the home a base resident with their permission.